AN IMPROMPTU BEGINNING

The Debating Society on Thursday was treated to an impromptu beginning. Either the new arrangement of the notice-board has had a lot to answer for, or the same old enthusiasm isn’t altogether the same. When the gallery was gathering with a wild crush of students, whose voices varied from a suppressed whisper to a hoarse droning, the notice-board was not visible from the gallery, which was intimidated principally by a number of freshmen, who were in a state of shock when we had an idea they had been united in the same college. The result was the strengthening of the enemies of the notice-board.

ELECTION.

A perfectly good presidency was going. Politics of the first order. It would be as well to have as much fun as possible. None of you are likely to vote. Who do you think will win? No. No. Mr. Frankman. Mr. Blackman, Mr. Whitey, Mr. Mitty. No. Mr. Mitty. He’s the only one who can possibly be President. Good. What’s he rescued already? Oh, the President that’s right. You’re writing. Let the incoming committee decide the matter of time, money, etc.

WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS.

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The History of Science has been flagrantly obvious for years. All the vices of specialization find in the university a select breeding ground. The student absorbs fast after fact, memorizes whatever he has oracularly been told he will help him “to get through,” becomes clever with the cleverness of an examination paper, and never really understands it all means.

In the world of today, specialized knowledge is an absolute necessity. Society must have its experts and technicians. But while it needs far more urgently are men and women who understand the relations between one branch of knowledge and another. Men and women of this sort are not found as easily as a thermometer. It would be far easier to teach the student to read a thermometer than to teach him how to interpret it.

Here is a place where there should be a corrective to this tendency in university education.

The present course of introductory lectures is an attempt to meet this situation. That such an attempt has been made is praised, worthily and we are grateful for it. But our students must not be blinded to the very evident inadmissibility of the present list of subjects.

It is almost unbelievable, for instance, that four lectures in course of history should be devoted to medieval times, whereas there are so many immensely more relevant and important topics to be discussed. The third year, Victoria University, the Library and its Use, and Student Activities are actively essential, but to many, the rest of the subjects were disappointing. It is to be hoped that in the future something more satisfying than a resume of secondary school history will be provided. Here are a few topics suggested at random, with at least some far more worthy of attention than many of those included in this year's list.

The Art of Thinking—An introduction to scientific method.

The Evolution of Science—How science has influenced the human mind.

Man and His Universe—A consideration of the findings of modern astronomy, etc.

Psychology and Everyday Life.

Economics Today—What is money? etc.

The Idea of Democracy—What is it and how it arose.

Modern Literature—a guide to what is best in current prose and verse.

The Auto—some preliminary ideas on painting, music, dancing, architecture, etc.

What a course of Introductory Lectures should be is to arouse an active interest in the subject and to teach the students how to penetrate the subject with a guide to further independent study. To end simple reading lists could be compiled for each subject, and copies provided. Surely, if the students of Victoria University have any idea of what their own minds are worth worrying about today, they are in a position to start a beginning. Let us hope they will be widened in their scope and application until every university student will have a training of mind and comprehension of the important intellectual, scientific, and cultural achievements of our civilization.

—J.D.F.

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OLD SALT'S

BASKETBALL
After selection last Thursday, the squad of ten were left to practice on Saturday last, the Hil- lard team being then at practice. The team will depart for London on the 21st inst. to play against the University of Oxford.

INTER-FACTORIAL SPORTS
Athletes Prepare
With Inter-faculty being held at the University of Oxford, the Athletics Club members are preparing hard for the meet. The team contains many fine athletes and will do well in the competition. They will be seeds in the first round, and hopefully will advance to the next round.

TRAMPING CLUB
The Tramping Club is planning a trip to the Lake District. The club members are excited about the opportunity to explore the natural beauty of the area. They will be led by experienced guides and will stay in traditional countryside accommodations.

OLD TOWNSHIP BRIDGE
The Old Township Bridge, a historical landmark, will be restored to its former glory. The community is excited about the project and has begun fundraising efforts to ensure its completion.

SOLID TEAM
The Solid Team has been working hard to perfect their skills and prepare for the upcoming season. Their dedication and teamwork have contributed to their success so far.